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REGIONS THAT CONTROL  
PHENOTYPIC TRAITS

Attorney Docket No.: 9080-016-999

## RESPONSE TO OFFICE COMMUNICATION MAILED APRIL 7, 2005

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

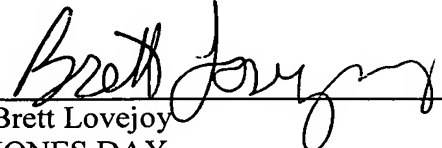
In response to the Office Communication mailed on April 7, 2005, Applicants submit herewith a substitute Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, originally filed on January 18, 2005, in the above-identified application.

In the substitute amendment, claims 39 and 41, line 1, have been amended by deleting the first strikethrough phrase "The computer program product of claim 26," which had previously been deleted by strikethrough in the amendment filed on September 16, 2004 and therefore should not have been present. No other changes have been made and it is believed that this substitute Amendment is now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.111.

No additional fee is believed due for filing this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge such fee to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004 in connection with the above-captioned patent application, please consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks / Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.